

Additional Information

Boise National Forest

North Zone Range and Invasive Species Program

Range Technician GS-455-04, or 05



The Boise National Forest may be filling up to **two** GS-455-04, or 05 (roughly \$14.00-\$16.00 per hour depending on experience and qualifications) Range Technician positions, in support of the Range and Invasive Species program. These are temporary seasonal positions starting approximately May 1, 2013, and ending approximately September 30, 2013, with a duty station of Emmett, ID.

Duties: The individual(s) will be responsible for identifying plants and monitoring upland and riparian vegetation and soil components; reading maps and using a GPS unit to map fences and water troughs/pit tanks; encounter domestic sheep and cattle on

the range and identify and verify brands and other types of ownership identification tags/ear marks, as well as count livestock and document excess use and trespass; use aerial photos to interpret landforms and vegetation types; use backpack sprayers and vehicle mounted tank sprayers to treat weed infestations; operate an ATV, UTV, and 4-wheel drive vehicle; coordinate with grazing permittees when collecting field data on their allotments. The work will consist of traveling over a large area throughout the Boise National Forest (Cascade, Emmett, Idaho City and Lowman Ranger Districts). The individual(s) will need to possess a valid state driver's license and have the ability to obtain a State of Idaho Pesticide Applicators License. The work involves exposure to dust, irritant chemicals, unpredictable weather, and high noise levels. Specific safety precautions are required and the individual(s) will be required to use protective clothing. Some of the work may require camping and travel in remote areas. Hiking on uneven terrain with or without a backpack sprayer will be a regular part of the job.

Duty Station: Emmett, Idaho is a full service community located in Southwest Idaho along the Payette River. The community has a population of roughly 5,500 and is the seat of Gem County. Smaller towns nearby in Gem County are Letha, Sweet and Ola. Boise, in Ada County, is about 30 miles southeast of Emmett.

Emmett sits at 2,373 feet in elevation and enjoys a four-season climate. Average July maximum temperature is 95 F, and January's average low is 16 F. Average annual precipitation is 13.26 inches. The elevation of Gem county ranges from 2,260 feet to 7,865 feet, with cooler summers and snowy winter weather at the higher elevations.

Housing: Bunkhouse style housing may be available. Camping out may be necessary if housing isn't available while traveling to other Districts, and depending upon the location of the work. Per diem will be provided while traveling.

Questions: Contact Renee Kehler at (208) 365-7010 or rkehler@fs.fed.us at the Emmett Ranger District.

How to Apply:

These appointments are temporary seasonal positions. The vacancy announcements/OCR's are posted on USAJOBS at www.usajobs.gov/.

For a GS-4: TEMPOCR-0455-4-RANGE-DT

For a GS-5: TEMPOCR-0455-5-RANGE-DT

To apply for a job, there are four basic steps:

1. Create an account - Enter your profile information and create a resume. Please note that you do not need to create a "My Account" to search for jobs, but you must create an account to apply for jobs online. You will need to request a user ID and password. Allow yourself at least two days before the application deadline to complete this process to ensure you have time to get your application submitted.
2. Search jobs - Use basic search to enter in job and location keyword information from the USAJOBS home page or the advanced search function. Review the job opportunity announcements and note of those of interest. Carefully review the "Qualification and Evaluation" section to determine whether you will qualify for the position. You must identify **Emmett, ID** as location specific to the above listed positions.
3. Apply for jobs - Carefully follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section for each announcement. Submit any additional documentation to verify your qualifications such as transcripts, SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, and/or Veterans' Form DD-214. You may store up to five uploaded or "resume builder" created resumes.
4. Manage Your Career - Log into your account to obtain application status for positions for which you have applied. Contact the agency for specific follow-up questions or those related to the particular job. The agency contact information is listed on the right hand side of the announcement.

Thank you for your interest in temporary employment with the Forest Service.

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